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Case Docket No. NIP-152-02

In RE application of S. MATSUBARA et al.

Serial No.: 09/965,827

Group Art Unit: 1761

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Examiner: Brian R. Gordon

For: HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS  
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra
Total	* 6	Minus	** 20	=	0
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☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims

SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x 18	\$ 0
x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
Total	\$ 0

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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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Response under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 7 this paper.